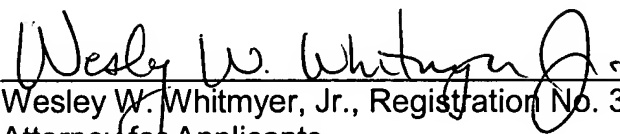


Remarks

By the forgoing Amendment, all 35 claims are amended to conform to the United States Patent Office regulation. In addition, the claims have been amended to obviate the \$145.00 multiple dependent claims surcharge.

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